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STATEMENT (DECLARATION) CLAIMING SMALL ENTITY

STATUS (37 CFR 1.9 (f) and 1.27 (b) - INDEPENDENT INVENTOR

As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that I qualify as an independent inventor as defined in 37 CFR 1.9(c) for the purpose of paying reduced fees under section 41(a) and (b) of Title 35, United States Code, to the Patent and Trademark Office with regard to the invention entitled: ADJUSTABLE SUPPORT STRAP FOR PIPES AND THE LIKE described in the application filed herewith.

I have not assigned, granted, conveyed or licensed and am under no obligation under contract or law to assign, grant, convey or license, any rights in the invention to any person who could not be classified as an independent inventor under 37 CFR 1.9(c) if that person had made the invention, or to any concern which would not qualify as small business concern under 37 CFR 1.9(d) or a nonprofit organization under 37 CFR 1.9(e).

Each person, concern or organizational to which I have assigned, granted, conveyed, or licensed or am under an obligation under contract or law to assign, grant, convey, or license any rights in the invention is listed below:

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I acknowledge the duty to file, in this application or patent, notification of any change in status resulting in loss of entitlement to small entity status prior to paying, or at the

time of paying, the earliest of the issue fee or any maintenance fee due after the date on which status as a small entity is no longer appropriate. (37 CFR 1.28(b))

I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code, and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application, any patent issuing thereon or any patent to which this verified statement is directed.

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**DECLARATION
AUTHORIZATION OF AGENT
AND PETITION**

As a below named inventor, I declare that my residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated next to my name; that

I believe I am a joint inventor of the invention entitled: ADJUSTABLE SUPPORT STRAP FOR PIPES AND THE LIKE described and claimed in the attached specification; that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the specification, including the claims; that

I do not know and do not believe the same was ever known or used in the United States of America before my invention thereof, or patented or described in any printed publication in any country before my invention thereof, or more than one year prior to this application, or in public use or on sale in the United States of America more than one year prior to this application, that said invention has not been patented or made the subject of an inventor's certificate issued before the date of this application in any country foreign to the United States of America on an application filed by me or my legal representatives or assigns more than twelve months prior to this application, that I acknowledge my duty to disclose information of which I am aware which is material to the examination of this application in accordance with 37 C.F.R. 1.56 (a) and that no application for patent or inventor's certificate on this invention has been filed

by me or my legal representatives or assigns in any country foreign to the United States of America prior to this application by me or my legal representatives or assigns.

I hereby appoint the following agent to prosecute this application and to transact all business in the Patent and Trademark Office connected with therewith: Harry I. Leon, Registration No. 29,019, at telephone No. 404/352-3882.

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Wherefore I pray that Letters Patent be granted to me for the invention described and claimed in the foregoing

specification and claims, and I hereby subscribe my name to the foregoing declaration, authorization of agent, and this petition.

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